

Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1. (currently amended) A ~~P~~process control system (5), ~~featuring~~ comprising:

a processor unit (10) ~~that is capable of determining~~ adapted to determine a payment figure; from operations (7) running in the process control system regarding the creation or removal of a process control function; or regarding a user activity ~~and or regarding~~ an execution of an automation function; ~~a payment figure (W)~~.

2. (currently amended) A ~~P~~process control system (5) according to Claim 1, ~~wherein the process control system (5) includes~~ further comprising:

a process control computer (15);

a client computer (25); and

the Internet (20) ~~and~~, wherein at least a part of the operations (7) running in the process control system (5) run on the process control computer (15).

3. (currently amended) A ~~P~~process control system according to Claim 2, ~~wherein the process control system (5) includes~~ further comprising:

at least one field device for automation of at least one system component, wherein ~~and~~ at least a part of the operations (7) running in the process control system (5) run on the field device.

4. (currently amended) A ~~P~~process control system (5) according to Claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein the process control computer (15) ~~includes~~ comprises a Web server (30) and the client computer (25) ~~includes~~ comprises an Internet browser (35) so that the client computer (25) ~~is able to~~ can influence the operations (7) running in the process control computer via the Internet (20), wherein the operations (7) can also include operations by which further operations (8) are initiated in further components (40) of the process control system (5).

5. (currently amended) A ~~P~~process control system (~~5~~) according to Claim 4, wherein the further components (~~40~~) ~~include~~ comprise field devices for monitoring and control of components (~~45~~) of a technical system that are connected by ~~means of~~ radio communication (~~F~~) and/or by ~~means of~~ a fixed link to the process control computer (~~15~~) ~~and, wherein~~ the further operations (~~8~~) also comprise ~~include~~ those operations that are executed in the field devices.

6. (currently amended) A ~~P~~process control system (~~5~~), according to Claim 5, wherein communication between the components of the process control system (~~5~~) is based on the TCP/IP transmission protocol (TCP/IP).

7. (currently amended) A ~~P~~process control system (~~5~~) according to ~~one of the~~ Claims 1 to 6, wherein the payment figure (~~W~~) is a service fee to be paid by the user of the process control system (~~5~~) to an Application Service Provider.

8. (new) A process control system according to Claim 3, wherein the process control computer comprises a Web server and the client computer comprises an Internet browser so that the client computer can influence the operations running in the process control computer via the Internet, wherein the operations can also include operations by which further operations are initiated in further components of the process control system.

9. (new) A process control system according to Claim 2, wherein the payment figure is a service fee to be paid by the user of the process control system to an Application Service Provider.

10. (new) A process control system according to Claim 3, wherein the payment figure is a service fee to be paid by the user of the process control system to an Application Service Provider.

11. (new) A process control system according to Claim 4, wherein the payment figure is a service fee to be paid by the user of the process control system to an Application Service Provider.

12. (new) A process control system according to Claim 5, wherein the payment figure is a service fee to be paid by the user of the process control system to an Application Service Provider.

13. (new) A process control system according to Claim 6, wherein the payment figure is a service fee to be paid by the user of the process control system to an Application Service Provider.

14. (new) A method for determine a payment figure in a process control system, comprising:  
    providing a processor unit adapted to record the creation and/or removal of a process control function and an execution of an automation function;  
    providing a device adapted to record a user activity; and  
    determining a payment figure by the processor unit using recorded data of the preceding steps.